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1. STRONGLY ENDORSE CARLUCCI RECOMMENDATION IN PAR 4 AND 5 OF REFTTEL ABOUT USG'S COMMENTS ON PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS, AS WELL AS SUGGESTION WE URGE OUR ALLIES TO FOLLOW SIMILAR COURSE.

2. CARLUCCI WAS HERE LAST WEEK AND, LIKE MANY OTHERS WHO TALKED TO HIM, I WAS MOST FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY HIS ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL, AND HIS COUNSEL OF THE ADVISABILITY OF THE USG TO PLAY ITS GAME COOLY THERE. I BELIEVE HE IS AN EXCELLENT OBSERVER AND SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP FURTHER HIS ALREADY PRODUCTIVE CONTACTS WITH LEADING PORTUGUESE POLITICAL FIGURES.

3. I ALSO HOPE THAT LATER OUR EMBASSY IN LISBON WILL BE ABLE TO EXPAND ITS REPORTING ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS. BRUCE

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